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Lynch Try Fails on 'Daily' Man and Lawyers in Tenn.

By Harry Raymond

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 19. — I saw the gun toting Ku Klux Klan in action on the outskirts of Columbia, Tenn., last night. They were not wearing white sheets. They were operating as official law enforcement officers of the city, county and state. Cowardly men, they had plotted what they thought would be the perfect frame-up and perhaps a lynching. But they failed.

It all started at seven o'clock last night, when a jury of white men marched into the newly-painted Maury County Courtroom. J. W. Russell, local tire dealer and jury foreman, announced that after an hour and 25 minutes deliberation he and his colleagues had come to the conclusion that William Pillow, 38-year-old Negro stone mason, was not guilty of shooting and wounding a state highway patrolman on Feb. 26, the day after the Columbia Negro community took up arms and stopped the lynching of James Stephenson, navy veteran of major Pacific campaigns.

A few minutes later, Lloyd Kennedy, 21-year-old Negro bootblack, walked out of the courtroom on \$5,000 bail. The jury had declared him guilty of firing a shotgun at the patrolman. But they declined to render the verdict demanded by a violent prosecutor, a man called Paul F. Bumpus.

Bumpus had told the jury all law enforcement would break down and wives of jurymen would die at the hands of Negro assassins if Kennedy, as well as Pillow, were not convicted of attempt to commit murder in the first degree and sentenced to 21 years. The jury sentenced Kennedy to serve a five-year maximum term for attempt to commit murder in the second degree. Motion for a new trial set him free on bail.

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Nov. 18.— An all white Maury County jury tonight sentenced Lloyd Kennedy, 21-year-old Negro bootblack to five years in the Tennessee state penitentiary.

William Pillow, the other defendant in the second Columbia race trial, was declared not guilty of charges of attempt to murder a highway patrolman.

The verdicts were returned at 7 p. m., Central time, after the jury deliberated for an hour and 25 minutes.

Prosecutor Paul Bumpus sought convictions of both defendants on charges to commit murder in the first degree. Conviction would have carried 21-year prison sentences.

The jury declared Kennedy guilty of attempt to murder in the second degree.

NAACP attorneys are preparing to appeal.

As I left the courtroom to telegraph the verdict to the Daily Worker, another man, a heavy set Columbian, dashed through the door beside me. He was agitated and declared: "Something must be done," to make up for "failure of the jury system." I recalled that the man called Bumpus a few hours before and suggested that the citizens should organize if the jury failed to impose the maximum sentence against the two Negro defendants.

The atmosphere was tense. I expected something serious, something of a violent nature, to happen. I could have gotten away from it all by returning to Nashville with two Tennessee newspapermen who pleaded with me to ride out of town in their car.

The newspapermen were my friends. But the two Negro lawyers and the white attorney for the defense were also my friends. I knew my job of reporting would not be completed until I personally knew these men, attorneys for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, were safely out of Columbia.

They had been threatened with lynching. I had heard the threats. I thereupon

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LABOR and the NATION

'I Load a Car of Coal for a Pound of Meat'

By Walter Lowenfels

WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 19.—Hatred for high prices runs like a black vein through the talk of striking soft coal miners in Western Pennsylvania. It's the Number One beef among most of the dozens of miners with whom I spoke today along the road, in their homes, in small knots around the mine patches and in the beer parlors.

"I load one car of coal for one pound of meat," Pete Singela burst out as he joined other Vesta Number Four miners across the road from the Daisytown Post Office, south of Pittsburgh. "I get two weeks' pay. It's gone the first couple of days for bread, clothes, house; nothing left even for beer. Then you wait for the next two weeks' pay."

This grizzled veteran of 46 years in the mines grabbed his Army shirt. "My son gave it to me. I couldn't buy one." Big Frank took hold of his big red plaid shirt. "Ten dollars and I was glad to find them. I bought three—\$30."

Many are disgusted with the 54-hour week they have been working—nine hours a day, six

days a week, in the dark coal earth. "It's a 13 to 14-hour day from the time I leave at 5 a.m. until I get home in the evening, and the air is bad."

"Then, when I get home, for two hours I can't stand straight from bending over all day. We want a 40-hour week, same pay."

But the talk always returns to prices and money. "Honest, mister," said one miner, at the Blue Diamond Grill in Richyville, "the coal miner has no money. The business man has it all."

A younger chap, Albert, chimed in: "The big shots have got it all but \$13. We got to split that up between us." It was a bitter wisecrack, with the \$13 standing for odd cents.

"Injunction?" asked Terry. "What does it mean? Maybe it means something in the White House. Here, miners don't work. So what?"

"No work, no work," one miner invented—changing the old slogan, "No contract, no work," to meet the new conditions.

In one miner's home, his wife broke in: "I don't see any headway. We don't have any money

ahead. Besides that, there's Christmas coming."

DESPERATION

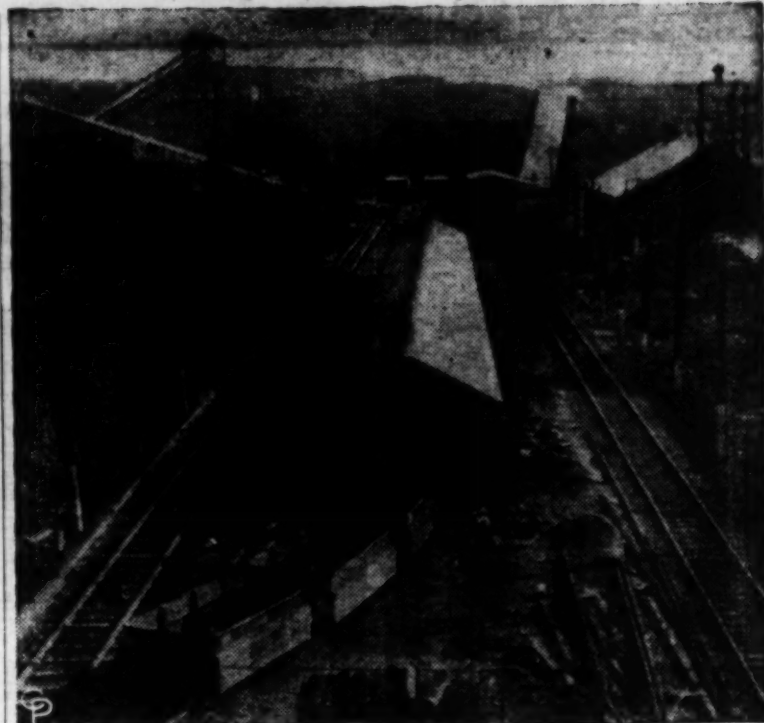
The holiday mood of last May when the miners went out on their victorious wage strike, has been replaced with a grim and ironic desperation that they've got to do something new to meet the price of things.

"The stores raised the prices even before we got the \$1.85 more a day," Albert said. "I don't care what you get paid. They jack up prices, and you just can't make it."

Many recited how their two weeks' pay, running gross around \$100-\$120, wasn't enough to go around. One coal loader making over \$200 a pay started buying a house, and now it's in the soup.

Joe Herskowitz, a Navy vet, came into one miner's home with his new bride: "It's not what you make. It's what your living standards are. In our mine, more than half the men are vets. The pay was alright when I got back to the mines last June. Now you pay damn near double for everything you buy."

"When the poor coal miner don't work, everybody goes hungry," said an old-timer.



This Mine Is Shut: There's nothing stirring at the West-land mine, near Houston, Pa., after the coal miners walked off their jobs ahead of the deadline set by United Mine Workers leaders for midnight today. The government is trying to break the miners' efforts to get wage adjustments to meet the skyrocketing cost of living since the end of price controls.

Army Action on Miners Threatened

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—With only one day remaining for the AFL United Mine Workers to comply with the anti-union injunction obtained yesterday by Attorney General Tom C. Clark, John L. Lewis gave no hint today whether the union would obey or ignore the order. Meanwhile upwards of 90,000 miners already were out and the walkouts were spreading rapidly.

The War Department said tonight that it was prepared to cooperate fully with the Federal Coal Administrator to meet any request for aid.

This meant troops may be sent into the coal fields. Under terms of a Presidential order the Solid Fuels Administrator has the right to call on the Army or any other government department for assistance. The Army narrowly missed being called out in last summer's railroad strike crisis under this clause.

A UMW spokesman said there would be no announcement today on what action Lewis intended to take, although he did not rule out the possibility of some move tonight. That left 24 hours or less for the union head to make public his decision.

Government officials announced this afternoon that they were pre-

paring brownout orders for the coal burning eastern states.

Under the court order, Lewis must countermand the announcement he issued last Friday terminating at midnight Wednesday the wage contract he signed with the government May 28.

Failure to comply would make him liable for contempt of court and it would be up to Federal District Court Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who issued the order, to take further action.

President Truman was reportedly watching the situation closely from his vacation site at Key West, Fla., conferring by telephone with Clark and Interior Secretary J. A. Krug, who has been in charge of the soft coal mines since they were seized by the government last spring.

But the President disclosed he intends to finish out his one-week vacation, despite the coal crisis indicating that the government intends to stand firm.

Marcantonio Leaves Sickbed to Testify

Rep. Vito Marcantonio yesterday appeared before the grand jury in secret session for close to two hours, and told the press afterwards he had promised the jury foreman not to make any statement on what happened.

The Congressman, who left a sick bed to appear in court, was subpoenaed in the mysterious death of Joseph H. Scottoriggio, Republican district captain in the 18th Congressional District. He was served the subpoena in bed.

Marcantonio signed a waiver of immunity. He told reporters he would again see the grand jury next Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. He was questioned by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan.

Marcantonio appeared in court against his doctor's wishes. He has been suffering from a serious diabetic infection in his arm.

Marcantonio, looking pale and tired, told reporters on leaving the Criminal Court building about 4:30 that "as a congressman and public official, I will live up to the foreman's advice not to make a statement."

He added he stood by his state-

ment of several days ago in which he had said, "The attempt on the part of certain sections of the press in any way, to connect the attack on Scottoriggio with the political campaign in the 18th C.D., is outrageous."

"I have personally conducted an investigation and found no evidence or clues of any kind, nor have been able to gather any information whatsoever. No violence was connected with my campaign at any time, nor have I at any time condoned such actions."

Truman Grants Negro GI New Trial

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (UP).—The War Department announced today that President Truman has granted a new court martial to Pvt. Lemas Woods, Jr., Detroit Negro, found guilty of murder and sentenced to death for slaying his tent-mate in the Philippines.

Auto Workers Are 1st Detroit Squatters

By William Allan

DETROIT, Nov. 19.—Three auto worker families moved into a four-family vacant flat near the Chrysler plant today to become this city's first squatters. The four-family flat had been empty for seven months.

One of the squatters, Vernon Johnson, World War II veteran, his wife Mary and their daughters, Patsy Ann, 3, and Catheryn, one year old, had searched for 10 months for a place to rent, they told the Daily Worker. Johnson was two years in the Quartermaster Corps. He said, "If we are put out, we will have no place to go again."

William Bois, who moved in the same day as the Johnsons, along with his wife Carolyn and two kids, said: "Our two-month-old baby, Carol Ann, has pneumonia. We couldn't leave now, and if we could we would not know where to go. My wife, the two babies and I lived in one room before we moved here. I have a job. I want to pay rent. Why won't they let me?"

Bois is a member of the UAW-CIO and works at Motor Products. John Niehoff, who works at the Hudson plant, also a member of the UAW, recently came here from Kentucky where his wife died a month ago. He came here with his three children, Monda, a girl of 12, and twin boys.

DESPERATE FLIGHT

When we first saw the house, we realized how desperate these three workers' families must have been to move into that dilapidated four-family shack.

Inside, when we met the folks, we could see that a transformation already had taken place. In Mrs. Johnson's flat, she had already painted the living room. Johnson himself had fixed up broken windows where the neighborhood kids had broken with stones.

Floors had been scrubbed, walls had been washed down, lights and gas were on. The families told us the neighborhood kids had been

using the house for several months as a play place.

The owner is Mrs. Jeannette Brunner, who "was out of town" but had got a lawyer, who, through a constable, served a summons on the families that orders them to appear before Circuit Court Commissioner Frank Fitzgerald Wednesday morning this week, to answer a charge of trespassing.

The families reiterated, as we left, that they "had no intention of getting something for nothing." On the contrary, they said they had been searching in vain for some one to accept rent.

Today the labor movement rallied to give support. The UAW Housing Department headed by William Nicholas was aiding the squatters by getting legal aid for them and notifying all local unions to stand by for any aid and assistance that might be needed.

R. J. Thomas, vice-president and director of the CIO Housing Committee, declared:

"All the legal resources of the UAW will be thrown into the defense of these families now facing eviction. These people are guilty of nothing more than an attempt to relieve an intolerable situation into which they were forced by landlords."

AFL ATOMIC workers in Oak Ridge, Tenn., united in a Central Labor Union claiming 7,000 members, when a charter was issued recently by President William Green.

Government Is Sugar Daddy To the Trusts

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Consumers will pay one-half cent a pound more for sugar as a result of an order issued today by OPA. The new price boost will cost consumers an additional \$50,000,000 a year, OPA estimates.

Under one of the strangest arrangements ever devised, the price of sugar must rise by law whenever the index of retail food prices zooms upward.

This was written into the contract between the Commodity Credit Corp. and the Cuban Government when we contracted to buy the 1946 and 1947 Cuban raw sugar crops.

With price controls off everything but rent, sugar and rice, the cost of living index is climbing. Therefore, we must pay more to the Cuban producers. Therefore, the price of sugar must go up.

The joker is that American producers of sugar, now supplying a large part of U. S. needs, get all the benefits of the price boost, although they are not parties to the contract.

Calif. School In U.S. Court

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19 (UP).—The U. S. District Court of Appeals will be asked next month to decide the right of Southern California school authorities to segregate Caucasian and Mexican pupils into separate elementary schools.

Earlier this year Gonzalo Mendez, and several other Mexican parents, won an injunction preventing the Westminster school district of Orange county from separating the students.

Success in China

By Alan Max

Chiang Kai-shek has opened his assembly. All that are missing are the Communists and the rest of the people. It seems the only truce our State Department representatives were successful in bringing about was between Chiang Kai-shek and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

Whitney Warns of Red-Bait Menace

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 19.—President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in a speech that brought prolonged standing ovation, today warned the CIO convention of three pitfalls for labor: a letdown in militancy and self satisfaction, insidious anti-labor propaganda in union ranks and red-baiting. The aged president of the independent Brotherhood seemed to have touched off that "good old CIO spirit" as he summed up labor's recent experience.

The speech reciprocated to one CIO President Philip Murray delivered at the trainmen's convention at Miami Beach recently.

Whitney said he took the liberty to speak of the dangers that threaten labor because he learned of them "the hard way" in his 50 years in the labor movement.

Whitney was introduced as the convention was deliberating upon resolutions, about 40 having been adopted today.

"Trade unionism dies when militancy disappears," said Whitney, as he described the first pitfall. "Some unions are satisfied with a small measure of success and think Utopia has been reached when an issue of the Wall Street press appears without an attack on labor."

"The second danger which labor must be on the lookout for is the attempt to turn members against their unions and leaders. Through insidious propaganda they will seek to turn the workers against the men who represent them."

Whitney cited the attempt by Truman to divide members from leaders during the last railroad strike.

"His appeal, however, fell to deaf ears, as the train, engine and yardmen of the nation have no more

respect for him than they have for the Pendergast cesspool from which he gained political recognition."

FALSE ISSUES

The third danger is the "issue danger"—the practice of reaction of tossing a false issue into a situation everytime profits are threatened. This, he explained was the red-baiting practice, which in the past took the form of labeling labor fighters as "socialists" and IWW's and today as Communists.

"Many urgently needed economic reforms," he said, "are labeled communistic in order to defeat them. It is, therefore, no accident that these charges of communism coincide with an increasing attack on organized labor."

"I speak to you of a lifetime experience. Do not let this issue divide you. If you do, labor will be set back many years in its struggle to achieve dignity and security and freedom for the average man and woman. Your energies and your militancy will be consumed in a futile witch-hunt. Do not allow yourselves to become the tools of fascists or reactionary forces."

Whitney was caustic in his criticism of Truman several times. He

said the administration "has gone Republican" and pictured both parties as "tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum," but he praised CIO's PAC. He declared a progressive victory is possible in 1948.

PAC LAUDED

The defeat should "make us more insistent that candidates be put forward for public office whom labor, along with the rest of the progressive forces, can enthusiastically support," said Whitney.

"Your PAC has demonstrated the technique of successful political activity," he added.

Whitney said his union "reluctantly refrained" from affiliating with the CIO "at this time" mainly because of a 63-year tradition to stay independent, but he gave assurance that the trainmen will continue close cooperation with the CIO.

Responding to what he said was a "splendid address," Murray assured Whitney the CIO "is not going to be divided by anybody." He said it is mighty healthy that we "have more than one opinion." He noted that our "friendly enemies in the other house of labor became rusty because they had only one opinion and their thinking became corroded." But he stressed that despite differences the CIO always united upon its decisions. Murray also expressed a hope that cooperation with the trainmen

"might eventually result in the culmination of a perfect romance."

DISCRIMINATION HIT

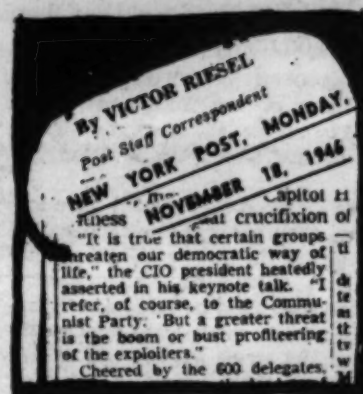
A pattern of struggle against discrimination and all forms of the "master race" concept unfolded today as the resolutions read out by secretary Lee Pressman of the committee were being approved.

The demand for the ejection of fascist Bilbo from the Senate when it convenes in January, received an especially hearty approval. Charges are cited that Bilbo took bribes from war contractors amounting to \$100,000.

The Wood-Rankin Un-American Committee was condemned as roundly as at previous conventions. The resolution pledged the CIO to work for an end of the committee when Congress convenes.

An over-all seven-point resolution on "protection of democracy" demands prosecution of lynchers and other violators of civil rights under Federal legislation, and enactment of measures to make race incitement and anti-Semitism a crime, remove anti-Negro barriers in the Senate and House press galleries, set up safeguards against discrimination in Federal appropriations and assure fair employment practice.

A resolution calls upon the government to "immediately" open our doors to persecuted and homeless (Continued on Back Page)



RIESEL TWISTS MURRAY'S WORDS: Above, we reproduce the report in yesterday's New York Post as written by Victor Riesel. The CIO president actually disagreed with "allegations" that the Communist Party is a threat to the nation, declaring that the profit-mad monopolists are challenging American democracy. Murray said: "It is asserted that certain interests here in the United States threaten our form of government—and I speak with particular reference to allegations made concerning the Communist Party. But what could constitute a graver threat to the perpetuity of our free existence in the United States, our democratic way of life, than this fiscal picture that I present to you?"

WORLD EVENTS

WORLD BRIEFS



SOVIET PLANS envisage increase of consumer goods by 150 percent in 1947, thanks to expansion of cooperative trade. All railways and ports wrecked by the Germans during the war are already back in operation, with 622 miles of new track added.

GERMAN UNION representatives from all four zones met in Mainz with Louis Saillant, general secretary of the World Federation of Trade Union, to discuss denazification, press and education. A WFTU delegation, will tour Germany soon.

VENEZUELAN UNIONISTS announced formation of a Venezuelan Federation of Labor which will seek affiliation with the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL).

CENTRAL AMERICAN and Caribbean railwaymen, meeting in Guatemala, charged that "Wall Street is reversing the progressive policies of Roosevelt and is undermining his good neighbor policy."

UNITED FRUIT CO. banana and hemp plantations were tied up by tens of thousands of Costa Rican workers who demand union recognition, and end of victimization of union members and wage increases. U. S. Embassy intervention broke the strike of 80,000 United Fruit workers in Guatemala.

U. S. TROOPS must quit Ecuador bases, the Ecuador National Labor Congress demanded. The meeting also called for a break with Franco Spain and recognition of the Soviet Union.

Soviets Favor Italy-Yugoslav Parley

Soviet Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov has informed Italy that the Soviet Union favored direct negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia for a settlement of the Trieste problem and the future Italian-Yugoslav frontier, it was made known tonight. Molotov gave his views in a letter to Pietro Quarino, Italian ambassador to Moscow now here as a member of an Italian ambassadorial delegation.

The Soviet letter was a reply to a note the Italian ambassadors to the United States,

Win in Hawaii

HAWAII (ALN).—Twenty-two of 37 candidates backed by Hawaii's CIO-PAC won in the Nov. 5 elections. Of 30 seats in the territorial House of Representatives, 13 will be filled by PAC-endorsed people, including four prominent members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO).

In eight senatorial contests, three PAC-supported candidates won office.

ANTI-FASCIST German prisoners-of-war in British Middle East camps have asked to be repatriated. The men are members of the "999" Battalion, formed at the end of the war from political prisoners and concentration camp inmates.

Britain, France and Russia made individually to the Big Four, suggesting the possibility of direct negotiations. The United States replied that Italy and Yugoslavia might negotiate if they wished but the Big Four would decide whether any agreement could be approved.

The idea of negotiations originated in an offer by Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia to Italian Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti to give up claim to Trieste if Italy ceded the city of Gorizia to Yugoslavia.

Molotov told Quarino the Soviet Union took a favorable view toward direct negotiations and any agreement reached—and also approved by the Big Four—would "assist in the strengthening of peace in Europe" and would be in accord with the interest of the United Nations.



On Trial for Cave Massacre: Nazi generals watch opening of their trial in Rome, Italy. They are held responsible for the cave massacre of 335 Italian hostages. Second row, left, is Col. Eberhart von Mackensen. At the right is Lt. Gen. Kurt Meiser. Between them is an interpreter. In front is their defense counsel.

UN Scores Religious, Racial Discrimination

By Joseph Clark

FLUSHING MEADOWS, Nov. 19.—The General Assembly of the United Nations yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution condemning religious and racial persecution and discrimination. Meet-

in plenary session at Flushing Meadows, the 54 UN members (three new members were added yesterday—Afghanistan, Ireland and Sweden), supported the Egyptian proposal:

"That it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an end to religious and so-called racial persecution and discrimination, and call upon the governments and responsible authorities to conform both to the letter and to the spirit of the charter of the United Nations, and to take the most prompt and energetic steps to that end."

Unintended irony was contributed to the discussion by U. S. delegate Warren Austin, who said, "This resolution is of immense importance because of its spiritual character."

It was on the grounds that the resolution was just a bit too spiritual, and not specific enough in barring discrimination, that Soviet spokesman Andrei Vishinsky stated:

"No names are given and no corresponding measures which would actually put an end to these persecutions are suggested in the resolution."

Vishinsky said his delegation would vote for it "though we would like to have measures taken in order to enforce that resolution."

India's delegate, Justice Chagla, expressed the hope that "the representatives of every member state will go back to their respective countries and . . . make sure that neither in legislative nor administrative matters there is any discrimination between peoples of different races and colors . . ."

The General Assembly also elected three new non-permanent members of the Security Council—Columbia, Syria, and Belgium. These replace Egypt, Holland and Mexico, who completed their one year terms in the council.

Postpone 'Assault' Trial of Cop Victims

The trial of Mrs. Josie Stewart, Mrs. Helen Urquhart, and Miss Leitha Griffin was postponed yesterday until Dec. 18 at Special Sessions Court.

Mrs. Stewart was beaten by Patrolman Carmello Perconti as a result of an argument involving refusal of a taxi driver to take her and her friends home to the Bronx, in July.

The three women are charged with simple assault although Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Urquhart sustained lacerations and bruises.

City AVC Calls Landlord Strikes 'Cynical Attack'

by Bernard Burton

The disclosures that landlords already have closed at least 300,000 rental units in a growing nation-wide "strike," was scored yesterday by Frank Williams, New York area chairman of the American Veterans Committee, as "the most wicked and cynical attack on veterans yet seen."

The figure was revealed Monday as a "conservative" estimate by George M. Englar, president of the National Apartment House Owners Association, now meeting in Oklahoma City. The movement to spread the strike against the entire nation for the removal of all rent ceilings was led by a delegation from Texas.

Mrs. Frank Morris of Dallas, president of Landlords, Inc., of Texas, boasted that a strike already was sweeping her state "like a prairie fire" and that 10,000 rental units already had been closed.

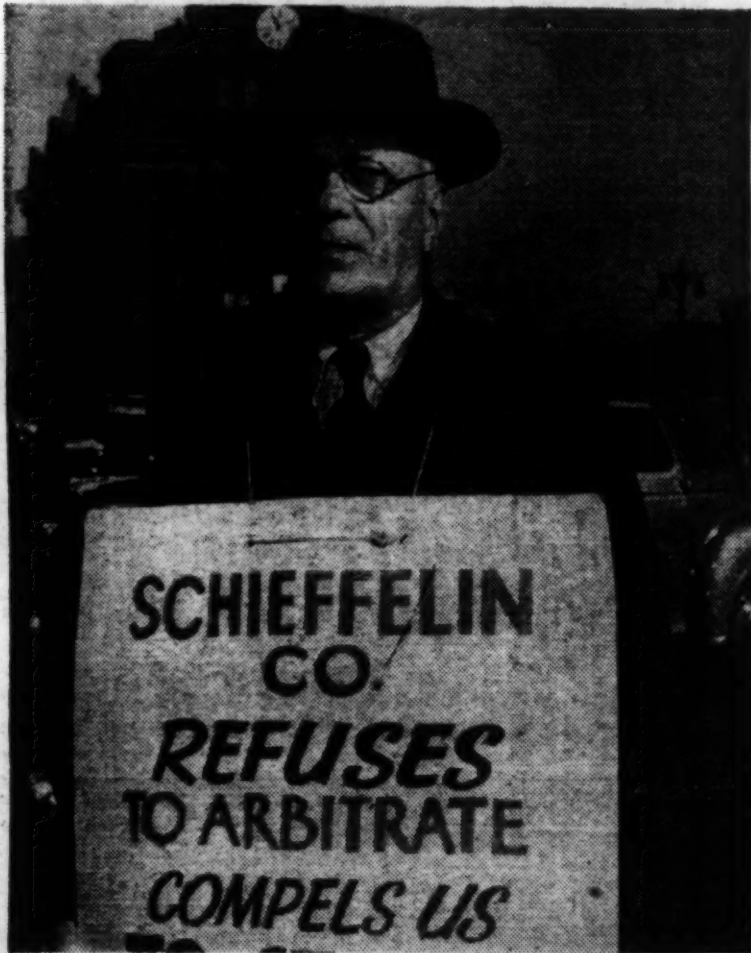
Yesterday's session was thrown into tumult with the arrival of a letter from an AVC local chap-

ter which blasted property owners bent on strike action while thousands were begging for places to live. The telegram warned that such a move would run into strong public resentment and opposition.

Some delegates angrily countered with wild red-baiting and cries of "communism," but president Englar urged calmer consideration after reading the telegram and suggested more thinking on "the reaction that might develop" against the landlords.

In New York, AVC chairman Williams warned the landlords they "are encouraging every desperate, homeless veteran to take drastic action and, when it comes, the guilt will be theirs."

"The President should immediately seize these properties (the closed units) and make them available to veterans," Williams said.



"The Company Said No to everything. That's why we're on strike," says Al Smith, 62-year-old Schieffelin Co. salesman, who has been with the drug firm on Cooper Square for 41 years. Smith is typical of the 25 members of the CIO Drug Trade Salesmen's Union, engaged in the first strike ever called by salesmen in the drug field. The Schieffelin Co. has refused to negotiate a contract with their salesmen covering job security, territorial guarantees and the restoration of a wage cut. The union has offered to arbitrate but the company has refused. The union is a subsidiary of the CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65.

—Daily Worker Photo

One Way to Get Into Bathroom

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (UP).—Mrs. Anne McGinnis, 36, toppled from her fourth-floor apartment's fire escape.

The next moment she found her-

self wedged head and shoulders in the bathroom window of a second-floor neighbor, Robert Lee.

A third-floor clothesline had saved her from death on a concrete basement araway five stories below the fire escape.

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Prefers Cell To Belle

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 19 (UP).—Home is O.K. but jail is better, a 36-year-old shipyard worker figured today.

He refused to leave jail today after peering through the bond window and seeing a woman ready to post bond for his freedom.

"Oh no, you don't," he told the jailer. "I'm not leaving here. That woman is my wife."

FRIENDSHIP



HUGO GELLERT

HENRY A. WALLACE

"I know of nothing more important to the future welfare of humanity than the building of a sound basis for a continued friendship between the Soviet Union and the United States. Working together there are no limits to what we can accomplish for human well-being. . . ."

SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

"Those who know the unbroken history of friendship between the USSR and the USA, those who know our comradeship in the ordeal of war, and those who know the impelling logic of our accord and cooperation know that the United States and the Soviet Union must and shall be friends."

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER takes pride in supporting the "Get Together With Russia" Month inaugurated by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship which will be climaxed by a historic meeting at Madison Square Garden on December 2. Our lodges and members are participating in the rallies being held throughout the country during November.

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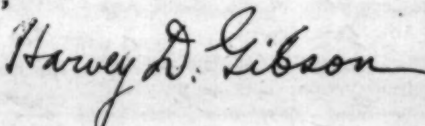
TO OUR STAFF:

During the past four or five months a considerable number of our employees have approached various of our officers or department heads from time to time and requested advice with respect to current union activities.

Let's look at the United Office and Professional Workers of America, C.I.O. The top leadership of this union is represented by Mr. Lewis Merrill, who is its President. We tried to find out who Mr. Merrill was and what he stood for. We found the answer in a report of a Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives of the 78th Congress of the United States.

As to the future, we assure you at this time as we have in the past that our Trust Company is fully aware of the continuing upward trend of living costs and the many problems which face you. We recognize our responsibilities to you in those respects and I sincerely hope that you will take my word for it that we will exert every effort and take all reasonable and consistent action to fully meet these responsibilities. We urge you to feel perfectly free to speak with any of our senior officers about union activities or any other matters which seem of importance to you.

Cordially,



President

November 13, 1946

Just eight days after the Republican victory at the polls, on Nov. 13, workers at all branches of the Manufacturers Trust Co. in Wall Street received the above letter. Obviously worried by the CIO United and Professional

Workers Union organizing drive among white collar workers in the financial district, Harvey D. Gibson, bank president, assuming the role of paternal adviser, briefed his workers on the "message" of the union.

Together with the routine job of red-baiting, Gibson wrote:

"What do you actually know now about the union which may have solicited your membership? Do you know who the top leader is and what he stands for; whether such leadership is really interested in your personal welfare and whether it is above board and dependable?"

As an authority on the union's leadership, Gibson used as reference a report of the special committee on un-American activities of the House of Representatives dated March 29, 1944, on the CIO Political Action Committee, and

Lewis Merrill, UOPWA president, in particular.

For obvious reasons, Gibson refrains from telling his employees the report was issued by a prejudiced, anti-labor, anti-Communist committee, including Joe Starnes, Alabama polltaxer; John M. Costello, anti-labor representative from California; J. Parnell Thomas, arch-tory from New Jersey, to name a few, and was headed by Martin Dies, one of the greatest witch-hunters in the history of the U. S.

Gibson continues: "We urge you to speak with any of our senior officers about union activities or any other matters which seem of importance to you."

In order that Gibson's employees may know something about the top leader and senior officers of the bank, here are some facts, not rumors. In 1943, Gibson received \$135,127 as compensation for his job as president of the Manufacturers Trust as well as other positions he held. He is director and member of the executive committee of American Home Products and Textile Banking Co. and others.

He also is a director of the Community Service Society which has been fighting union recognition for over a year, and is at present working with the American Red Cross, notorious for its anti-labor policy.

This variety of experience in dealing with business and labor problems should put Gibson in a position to give advice to his workers—good unprejudiced advice about unions.

Another senior officer whom the workers were advised to contact was vice-chairman Henry C. von Elm, director of two insurance companies, McKesson & Robbins and National Dairy Products. As director of the latter firm, Von

Elm had the welfare of his workers and their children so close to his heart he okayed a boost in the price of milk.

Other directors of the bank include George J. Patterson, president of the United Air Lines, etc., and Edgar S. Bloom, who directs more companies than there are reactionaries in Wall St.

Kids in Buyers' Strike Against 6-Cent Candy

LOWVILLE, N. Y., Nov. 19.—The kids here are not going for this six-cent candy since the end of price control. So they have gone on a buyers' strike.

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Toledano to Be at Spain Rally

Jacog Potofsky, President of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, will introduce Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the C.T.A.L. (Latin American Confederation of Labor) at a Christmas Salute to Spanish Republicans at Madison Square Garden Monday

evening, Dec. 16, it was announced by Dorothy Parker, Chairman of the Spanish Refugee Appeal, sponsors of the meeting.

Potofsky and Toledano will fly to New York for the Christmas Salute directly from a meeting of the C.T.A.L. in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Bronx Rally For Rent Controls

Tenants in the Highbridge section of the Bronx will rally to maintain rent controls, at a meeting tomorrow (Thursday) night at PS 11, 169th St. and Ogden Ave., it was announced by Edith Blumenstein, executive secretary of the Highbridge Consumers Council.

Speakers will include Assemblyman Leo Isacson; Lydia Altshuler, vice-president of the New York Consumers Council and community leaders.

Miss Blumenstein said door to door canvassing has brought many new members into the Council.

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SOME SHIP BEEFS

By Herb Tank

A SEAMAN GENERALLY LIKES to make a ship that is going to be in port for a few days before he has to sign on articles and the ship leaves. He likes to have a few days to get the feel of the ship and the crew. A guy wants to know what the "Old Man" is like. What sort of a guy his chief officer is. And a guy wants to know these things while he can still quit.

When a ship is going to be in port for a few days a militant crew can get beefs settled that might otherwise plague them for a whole trip. But once the ship leaves the dock and heads out to the open sea you are stuck with her for better or for worse.

Out at sea you can't call up the union hall for advice or the help of a union patrolman to settle a beef. Out at sea the crew is a union in itself, both rank and file and leadership. And that is the test of a seafaring union. A maritime union is strong when it is soundly rooted aboard the ships.

THOUGH A SEAMAN may like to put in a few days aboard a ship before he signs on he doesn't always get the chance. Most of the crew aboard the American Export Line ship the SS Extavia didn't have such chance to feel out the ship, or the officer, or even much chance to get to know each other.

The company was in a hurry to get her out to sea. She had been held up by the strike and now they were loading her night and day. Cargo flowed into her deep holds as fast as booms and winches and sweating longshoremen could force it in.

Most of her crew signed on the ships' articles before they slipped into dungarees and work gear. Up at the Shipping Commissioner's where we signed on I kept looking for somebody I knew, some guy that I had been shipmates with before, or maybe somebody I had marched with on the picket line. But I didn't see anybody. We were a crew of strangers.

I DON'T LIKE to go aboard a ship cold that way. Few sailors do. That's why guys ship together.

That's why the oiler and I were trying to get the same ship. But my oiler shipmate didn't make the Extavia. Somebody with an older shipping card got the job.

The strangers went to the ship. Nobody said much except one guy who made jokes about overtime, coffee-time and time off. But everybody has heard those jokes before. Somebody was reading a Daily News and another guy asked why he read a phony sheet like that. But the conversation didn't last very long. It soon died down. Two ABEs who had shipped together before talked about the last ship they had been on. That reminded me of the oiler and I wondered what sort of a ship he was on.

Aboard ship we began picking watches. Work aboard ship is divided into three watches: 8 to 12, 12 to 4, and 4 to 8. Each watch has its own foc'sle. But I sail as a day worker. I put in my 8 hours in one spread.

The day workers don't have a separate foc'sle on this ship so I went in the 8 to 12 foc'sle. At night for four hours I will have the foc'sle pretty much to myself. That will give me a chance to knock out stuff for the paper.

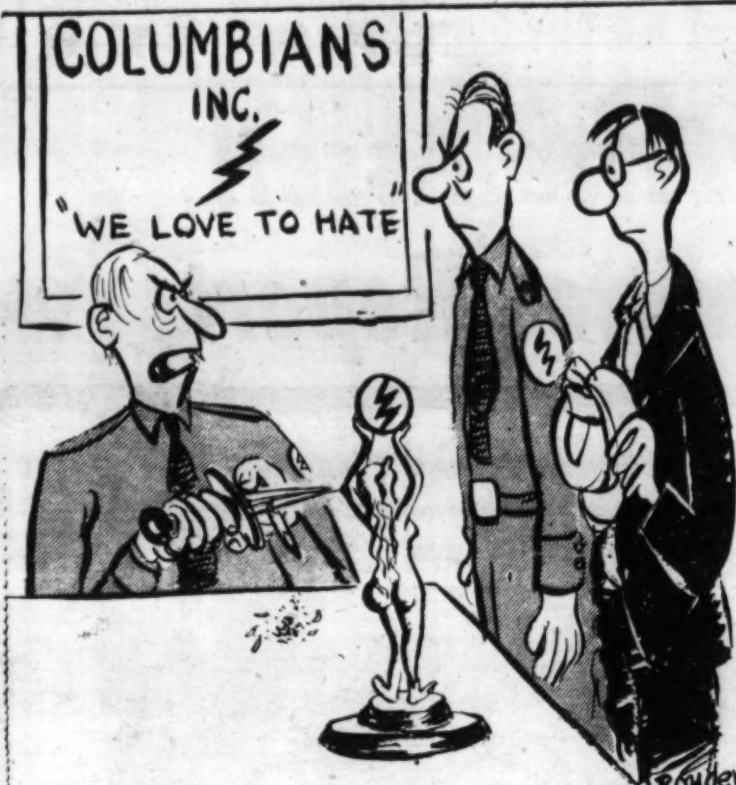
BUT THE DAY man going into a watch foc'sle puts four men in one foc'sle. We don't like that much. The four of us began talking about it.

"In Denmark" says the big AB with glasses who will probably be called "Heavy" by the crew. "In Denmark they have a law that makes the shipowners provide two men to a foc'sle."

"That's the way it should be," says the other AB who is already known as "Slim."

We all agree. That is the way it should be. And the Ordinary Seaman says: "maybe we should discuss it in a meeting." He wants us to know that this isn't his first trip.

We are talking now and we are no longer strangers. We will spend a lot of time together, the four of us. We will know each other well, very well. We will know each other as only men who work together, eat together, live together and go ashore together, can know each other.



"Now—we can't take your friend Olson in — we're going to start hating Swedes next week."

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ECONOMIC POLICY IN ITALY

By Daniel Schirmer

(First of Two Articles)

THE ECONOMIC POLICY of the Allies in Italy has had two sides: 1. Withholding of the necessary economic aid in order to influence the course of Italian politics in a reactionary direction;

2. The attempt to turn Italy into an economic colony of the Anglo-American trusts.

The conditions of the Italian working people last winter and spring (and there has been no great change) were worse than under Italian Fascism and German occupation.

This fact gives political fuel to the reactionaries against the present coalition government in which the Communists participate. It is especially hard for the returned soldiers and prisoners, many of whom cannot find work, to understand the reasons for these conditions, so that the reactionaries have made a real drive to organize these veterans and have gained an influence there.

Food is scarce in Italy today for the working people. According to governmental figures last spring the average rations were equivalent to no more than 700 calories a day, less than half the 1,500 calories needed for conservation of strength and health.

And yet in every city one saw luxury restaurants, their windows full of high-priced food, crowded with black-marketeers, war-profiteers, and Allied officers.

According to figures from the Italian Bureau of Labor, wages were 10 or 12 times higher than before the war, but the cost of living was 35 times higher than pre-war.

The maximum wage of the worker was 350 lire per day. A little food oil cost 600 lire; a kilo of potatoes 50 lire; eggs were 25 lire a piece; a kilo of meat was 350 lire; a litre of milk 40 lire. A suit of clothes cost 9,000 lire; a pair of shoes 3,000-4,000 lire.

Retired governmental employees on pension from the state were the worst hit of all.

In the country the small peasants live very badly; only the few large landholders were well off.

What did the AMG do in the face of the terrible hardships of the working people? It prohibited all wage increases. Even when the employer was willing to give more money, this was forbidden by the AMG.

Less than 10 percent of pre-war productive capacity was lost to Italian industry in Northern Italy due to war damage. About 50 percent of heavy industry had no reconversion problems and

could work at least 80 percent of productive capacity.

But Italian industry was working only 30-40 percent of pre-war capacity because it had no raw materials.

Of the 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 people in the Milan area, at least 500,000 are workers, and 130,000 out of this 500,000 were unemployed.

Out of the 8,000,000 workers in Italy, 2,000,000 were unemployed.

Here the greatest responsibility lay with Great Britain and America. For it was only they who could supply Italian industry with coal and iron, and they had not done so to any appreciable extent.

So far as raw materials went, the Allies had sent next to nothing. Their main contribution was promises for shipments in the distant future.

America had sent too many manufactured goods at low prices, not enough raw materials. Competition with America in manufactured articles is impossible for Italy.

A proposal was made for importing from the USA up to 1,450 million dollars, almost all to be raw materials, few manufactured goods. This was rejected.

In March, 1946, Keeney, head of UNRRA for Italy, announced that Italy would receive in 1946 UNRRA aid only to the value of 375 million dollars; half in coal; 25 percent for grain; 25 percent other raw materials.

(To Be Concluded)

'Trib' Blames USSR for China's Strife

THE HERALD TRIBUNE, while admitting Chiang Kai-shek's National Assembly is stacked with die-hards who don't want democracy in China, tries to shift the blame onto the Soviet Union. The Trib goes further than some of the United States' most blatant expansionists as it slanders: "It is . . . clear, of course, that Russia's policy is an anti-American policy. . . ." The Trib, even as it cannot dodge putting the tee on Chiang for his repressions and corruption, still tries to let him off light by dubbing in the Soviets as a co-defendant. Too tough a job.

THE TIMES editorial on the Bevin vote of confidence does not bother to mention the 80 to 100 abstentions by members of the Prime Minister's Labor Party and says the vote "reduced the opposition to zero." This, were it true, would please the Times no end, but the probabilities are that opposition to Bevin's and Attlee's policies will continue until the imperialists have been stopped.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM is not satisfied with the CIO's resolution on "the cancer of communism." The Telly wanted the Communists (read "all progressive trade unionists") tossed out of the CIO so it could herald the breakdown of the labor movement in future headlines. "It hopefully predicts a fatal end for the CIO, anyway."

PM's Max Lerner doesn't see attempts to purge progressives out of the labor movement under the guise of anti-Communist resolutions as a threat to labor. He only differs with the would-be purgers in their tactics. Lerner provides a key to the workings of a confused mind when he calls for a "red purge" by his own particular method, then shows the corruption of that position by saying, "Once you start a purge for political opinions . . . you are on the Gardarene slope that leads to the direst ideological reign of terror."

THE POST says it doesn't like the GOP, Sen. C. Wayland Brooks, Sen. Wherry and other reactionaries, then joins in with their clamor for a "purge" of "Communists" from federal pay-rolls.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN sees a "democratic restoration" in the offing with the coming of the 80th Congress. It warns President Truman not to attempt to enforce any Roosevelt New Deal ideology, if he should be so inclined.

THE DAILY NEWS, for some reason, prints the text of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on its anniversary. If people could turn over in their graves. . . .



Electronic Hot Dogs: Peter Kidera, five, of Berwyn, Ill., is eager to get at the hot dog offered by stewardess Barbara Bradway at the Chicago airport. He cares little that this hot dog is a product of the new electronic coin vendor in the background. A coin in the slot brings out the sandwich, cooked by electronic rays.

Worth Repeating

"The hope for peace and security lies in three main directions: in the steadfast efforts of the Soviet Union to restore Big Power Unity and to rid the world of all vestiges of fascist reaction; in the heroic efforts of the Chinese, Filipinos, Indonesians, Koreans, and other Far Eastern peoples who are fighting against imperialism and their own oppressors; and in the working class and other progressive anti-imperialist elements within the capitalist countries, especially the United States. . . . It has been within the imperialist countries that the anti-imperialist fight has been weakest. And it is there—particularly in the United States—that the decision must be made, for democracy or imperialist world conquest, for a people's prosperity or world-wide poverty and crisis, for peace or war." Frederick V. Field writing in the November, 1946, issue of Political Affairs.

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A Rebuff to Reaction

ONCE again, the CIO has weathered an attack upon its unity, upon its very existence.

Meeting immediately after GOP reaction had won a victory at the polls, and with the country in the midst of a ruinous and rapidly increasing inflation, the CIO clearly had the task of giving labor and all progressives a fighting lead for the defense of the people's welfare and democratic rights.

The CIO's enemies were aware that this was the situation. Thus, they too prepared for this convention. They devised a red-baiting attack to split, divide, and rend the CIO by internal struggle and witch-hunts.

The weapon for this attempted diversion of the convention away from the real economic and political issues facing it was the introduction of the false issue of "Communist interference."

But this splitting of the CIO, at the moment when reaction and Big Business plan a new reactionary drive, did not take place.

The intrigues and hopes of reaction with regard to splitting the CIO have been again frustrated.

They were defeated by the realization of a majority in the CIO convention that unity behind the progressive platform of that organization constitutes its main defense against reaction's coming attack.

The declaration of principles proposed by Philip Murray to the convention, though it makes concessions to the pressure of certain red-baiting forces, repeats the basic aims of the CIO as a fighting labor organization, and defender of U. S. democracy.

Fully aware of the real goal behind the red-baiting diversion, the Communist and Left forces had no hesitation whatsoever in refusing to make themselves a party to any kind of internal struggle which would lead the convention away from its real tasks at this crucial moment.

On the contrary, the Communist and Left forces perceived that it was the CIO itself which was the target of the so-called "anti-Communist" attack.

Therefore, despite the unjustified implication that the Communist Party was "interfering" in the CIO, there could be no question in their minds as to where the priority lay—the unity of the CIO behind the progressive economic and social program outlined by Murray in his report to the convention—this was the central thing. No differences of views could conceivably be permitted to weaken that unity which is the crying need not only of the CIO, but of all labor, and of all progressive-democratic forces as well.

We may be sure that reaction is today badly disappointed at the failure of its red-baiting diversion in the CIO convention, which now can tackle the problems which face it. These are the anti-labor drives coming in the 80th Congress, the problem of wages, inflation, defense of democratic liberties. The convention confronts the need of uniting labor with other classes, middle classes and farmers, against the trusts, for the protection of the people from the effects of the crisis toward which the monopolies are speeding the country, and against their expansionist drive which undermines peace.

IT SEEMS to us that this latest experience of the trade unions with red-baiting as the GOP prepares a new Hooverism, should convince sincere progressives who may differ with Communists on certain issues, that red-baiting is not political criticism, as some may think, but is a weapon for division and disruption. Red-baiting is itself the supreme weapon for "outside interference" in the trade unions by labor-hating forces in the country.

American Communists in all their views, policies and actions, have no interests other than the welfare of labor and the nation. As workers who join the unions of their trade, they seek no special privileges. They demand only the equal right to serve the common welfare of their mass organizations, to propose policies for the consideration of the membership, abiding by all democratically arrived at decisions, as they will abide by the CIO's statement of policy.

The theory that American labor can appease its enemies by the formation of an anti-fascist or trade union movement "without Communists or Left wingers" has been exploded by the bitter experiences of world labor. Experience universally proves that only that unity which includes the Left and the Communists can hope to halt the march of reaction.

It is obvious that the enemies of the CIO, and those elements within it who are ready to sacrifice its unity to the demands of the red-baiters, will not cease their efforts to tear it apart from within because they failed in their latest effort. They will strive, no doubt, to resume the attack, as the CIO carries on the fight as outlined in Murray's message to the delegates.

The fighting economic program and progressive policies outlined by the CIO leaders is the basis for the unity of all CIO unionists regardless of political views.

American Communists repeat to their fellow-Americans the idea that we "keep our eye on the ball," to see clearly that the trusts and GOP torism are preparing dire blows which menace every democratic force in the country.



—From the Passive Resister, of South Africa

"Everywhere . . . throughout the Union, there is a full and unreserved recognition of the four fundamental freedoms."—General Smuts in his speech at UN on Southwest Africa.

Letters from Our Readers

The Anti-Bilbo Campaign

Editor, New York:

You will be glad to know that the Civil Rights Congress campaign to Oust Bilbo is getting terrific response in New York.

CRC lawyers and investigators laid the legal basis for booting Bilbo out of the Senate. Fifty heroic Mississippians filed the formal petition with the Senate. Our job now is to back them up by getting a million signatures in our nationwide campaign.

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If any of your readers wish to volunteer for this work, will they telephone me at Orchard 4-5260.

ETHEL LIVINGSTON,
Office Manager,
Civil Rights Congress of N. Y.

Contrast Between Two Men

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

What a contrast between two men! Dr. Howard Shapley is a man of science, outstanding physicist, famous astronomer and distinguished professor. He is known to be a warm-hearted man, a person of integrity and courage. He is regarded with the greatest possible respect and admiration by writers, musicians, artists, scientists and other professional people all over the world.

Then we have Rep. Rankin, who is world-known for quite different reasons. The whole civilized world wants to know when our so-called "free press" is going to blast Rankin out of public life in America.

If a person like Dr. Shapley can be subjected to a smear-attack and star-chamber questioning by a person like Rankin, we can well afford to be less super-critical of democratic countries where there are no such examples of Nazi-style goings-on.

ANGELO J. TOMASULO.

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Let's Face It

BILBO CAN BE OUSTED

by Max Gordon

REGARDLESS OF WHO TRIES to claim the credit, the ouster of Sen. Bilbo of Mississippi from the Senate would be a terrific victory for progress and democracy.

The people want him out. They have said so loud and long. That includes Negroes, Italians, Jews, Catholics and just plain lovers of democracy of all religions and nationalities, all of whom have good reason to hate his guts.

Because of this popular hatred for the Mississippi Ku Kluxer and all he represents, the Republicans in the Senate have taken up the issue. It would be a serious mistake, though, to depend on the GOP Senate leaders to do the job on him.

LAST WEEK, the Republican steering committee, headed by Sen. Robert A. Taft, announced it would try to prevent Bilbo from taking his oath of office in January, when the new Congress meets. This would automatically bar him from his seat.

Only a simple majority is needed for this. The Republicans have that majority. Besides, there are several northern Democratic Senators who would gladly join in. So it would seem that everything is set for getting rid of the arrogant, swaggering fascist.

But it turns out there is a little gimmick in the Republican plan. Far after announcing the Republican steering committee decision, Taft said he did not at all mean that the Republicans were going to vote against seating Bilbo. What he meant, he said, was that they would do it if it should be shown that Bilbo had done wrong.

Who is to show that Bilbo had done wrong?

TWO COMMITTEES are surveying his conduct. One is the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, headed by polltaxer Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana. This committee is investigating the reports that Bilbo, in the course of the primary campaign against him, had threatened violence against Negroes who dared to vote. Large numbers were thus kept from the polls. Bilbo won out by a narrow 4,000 margin.

The second committee is the Committee on War Production, headed by Sen. Kilgore of W.

Virginia, which is scheduled to investigate reports that Bilbo took bribes in return for getting war contracts.

The most important accusations against Bilbo, those on which the real case against him is based, are those before the Ellender Committee.

The committee consists of two polltaxers (Ellender and Sen. Maybank of South Carolina), a reactionary Democrat (Johnson of Colorado), and two reactionary Republicans (Bridges of New Hampshire and Hickenlooper of Iowa). Ellender has said bluntly he believes the case against Bilbo is bunk.

He has, however, granted public hearings with the idea of riddling the evidence, which has been gathered by the Civil Rights Congress.

HE HAS SCHEDULED the hearings in Mississippi and has ruled tentatively that only native Mississippians can testify. The Civil Rights Congress is demanding that hearings also be held in Washington and that others besides "Mississippians be allowed to testify.

It fears that if the hearings are to be held only in Mississippi, Negro and other witnesses it has lined up will be intimidated.

There is considerable danger that the committee hearings will end in a whitewash unless public intervention prevents it. This will allow the Republicans to slip out from under on the plea that there is no case against Bilbo. They will doubtless try to make capital of the fact that a Democratic-dominated committee was responsible for clearing him. But Bilbo will remain in the Senate.

TO PREVENT THIS, Anti-Bilbo sentiment in the country needs to be organized at once and directed at the committee. The people should insist, among other things, that open hearings also be held by the committee in Washington.

Even if the committee is compelled to find against Bilbo, there is a fear that many Republicans, whose policies closely resembles Bilbo's, will not go through with voting against him. Hence, public pressure has to be developed at the same time against the entire Senate.

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Paul Shappard and Ronnie Thayer don't think there's anything spectacular about 47 Daily Workers being sold every day inside their shop, the La Marquise Slipper Co.

which employs 420 workers. They said that they and a few others just take several "Dailies" to their regular customers in their departments.

Shappard, a quiet-spoken Negro operator, said Ronnie Thayer was the "spark plug" who got "the ball rolling." Bpt Miss Thayer, a pert, brunette sole operator, replied, "That isn't fair."

She pointed that there was Steve Kravath, general shop chairman, who brings the whole shop bundle in and acts as a sort of central distributing agent for all the dis-

tributors. And there was another girl, a comparatively recent member of the Communist Party, who was doing a bang-up job, and there were others about whom she spoke proudly.

About 40 percent of the shop workers are Negroes, and all the workers are members of the CIO United Shoe Workers, Local 54. Five months ago about 25 papers were being sold but the shop club decided to get behind the circulation drive. The club isn't entirely satisfied with the results so far, Shappard hastened to add, but the shoe industry is slowing down now and it may make things more difficult.

Highlight in their work with the "Daily" came when the members in the shop sold 150 copies of the special election day issue.

Only Councilman Ben Davis and Samuel Kaplan, now an assemblyman, responded to the invitations. Miss Thayer said that they were sure that Davis got at least 150 votes from the La Marquise workers.

Shappard is secretary-treasurer of his local and Miss Thayer is the legislative chairman. The local has had very little of red-baiting; as a matter of fact 11 workers joined the Communist Party club in the past 18 months. Both Shappard and Miss Thayer explained the success in building the Communist Party was directly due to persistent daily circulation of the Daily Worker.

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Overhead

CAROLINA RACE-HATE GROUP JOINS AMERICAN ACTION, INC.

ATLANTA, Nov. 19.—Crackdown on the Negro-hating, Jew-baiting Columbians, Inc., by Atlanta police has caused a purported branch of the order in South Carolina to transfer its allegiance to another 'ism' group—American Action Inc.—it was learned here.

H. G. Willingham, who announced recently he had been named South Carolina chairman of the Columbians, said the shift was made because the American Action outfit operated under a "non-violence" policy and the Colum-

bians had been charged with violence.

Meanwhile Homer L. Loomis, Jr., head of the Columbians here, denied the existence of any other branch and maintained that the Atlanta unit was the only one of its kind.

In Columbia, S. C., Willingham said his own plans were being held in abeyance "until Gene Talmadge is inaugurated governor of Georgia and until the Republicans reorganize Congress."

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Seek Stronger State Rent Law

ALBANY, Nov. 19.—Republicans will propose the present state rent control law be continued another year without change, Assemblyman D. Mallory Stephens, Putnam Republican, predicted today.

Stephens heads the Joint Legislative Committee on Rent Control.

The state rent control law operates only if Federal rent control is ended. It is weaker than the federal law in that it provides no ceilings for new housing and no enforcement apparatus. It leaves it up to the tenants individually to sue if landlords raise rents.

Laborite Assemblyman Leo Isacson had offered a measure last year which provided for stronger rent control, and was supported by the Democrats.

It is expected both the Democrats and the two newly-elected Laborite legislators, State Sen. Kenneth Sherbell and Assemblyman Samuel Kaplan, will fight to strengthen the present law.

Minn. Teachers Set to Strike

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 19.—Aroused at the city's failure to act on pay increases and a general school improvements program, 1,100 public school teachers here will strike Nov. 25.

The teachers are members of Locals 28 and 43, American Federation of Teachers (AFL).

Teachers in the twin city of Minneapolis also are committed to strike but have not yet set a date.

The teachers seek retroactive \$50 increases effective Sept. 1946 and \$100 increases a month starting Jan. 1, 1947. They ask for \$1,700,000 more to provide additional teachers, building improvements and more teaching materials and supplies.

IWO Fights Paper Monopoly

The International Workers Order has endorsed the program of the Newsprint Consumers Emergency Committee and is rallying its members in the fight against the monopoly interest responsible for the acute newsprint shortage.

The IWO issue a number of publications, including the Fraternal Outlook, Jewish Fraternalist and other journals. The Newsprint Consumers Emergency Committee was formed at a conference of printers, publishers and representatives of trade union, national group, fraternal, trade and community publications.

Trial Open Today For 26 Philly CIOers

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—Francis White and 25 other CIO electrical workers go on trial tomorrow morning on "riot" charges brought after the notorious mounted police charge broke up a parade at the General Electric plant last February. A big union turn out for the trial is expected at Room 296, City Hall, 10 a.m.

Invalid 19 Years, Gives Birth

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 19 (UP). — Mrs. Nancy Jean Clay, pretty, 25-year-old invalid who recently took her first steps in 19 years without the aid of crutches, has given birth to a daughter.

Mrs. Clay has been afflicted with arthritis since she was six, but is learning to walk again with the encouragement of her husband, Ernest, who she met while he was stationed at the Army Meteorology School here three years ago.

Mrs. Clay and her daughter, born by Caesarian section, were reported "doing nicely."

He Throws Bed; She Gets Divorce

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 18 (UP). — It's bad enough when your husband throws you downstairs—but when he heaves a twin bed after you, that's grounds for divorce.

Superior Judge James C. Quinn agreed today in granting an interlocutory decree to Mrs. Alpha O. Laymance, 28. Her husband, Jeff, was ordered to pay \$90 monthly support for their three children.

Leaves 'Valuables' in Hotel

It's a Month-Old Baby Born Out of Wedlock

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 19 (UP). — The Milner Hotel received a telegram from Crestline, O., asking the clerk to go to room 138 and "take care of the valuables" left behind by a departed woman guest.

In the room attendants found a month-old baby girl gurgling happily.

There also was a note. It was signed "Unwed Mother." It said: "May God forgive me for deserting my own child this way but I have no means whatsoever of providing for her. Won't someone please find a good home for her?"

Kid Hangs Self In 'Experiment'

CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (UP). — Jack Schlapski, 12, who liked to experiment, accidentally hanged himself, police said today, when a chair slipped from beneath his bound feet and left him dangling at the end of a home-made noose.

A playmate, Roberta Graves, 12, told police Jack had been experimenting with hanging for some time in an effort to "see how much he could stand."

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SPORTS

On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

THEY CALLED the decade following World War I the Golden Era of sports, and with some reason. It was the decade of Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones and Bill Tilden, and it saw the building of Madison Square Garden, the million dollar prize fight gate and the growth of college football into a huge semi-commercial spectacle.

In these postwar late '40s, there's a little of the same feeling in the air. One coming back after some years away found, for instance, that the casual sports fan could no longer decide to take in a basketball doubleheader at the Garden, buy a couple of tickets and go. All sold out long in advance. The Rangers, with poor second division teams, filled the 49th Street Arena practically every time they played. Ebbets Field was unapproachable to the average fan on a weekend. Fifty thousand people coming to the Polo Grounds without tickets one Sunday to see a regularly scheduled pro football game were turned away. There were already 60,000 inside.

On the sports desk you could feel it in the different tone of the "releases," which promote sports events. Except for inferior and unknown attractions, the high powered press agents aren't trying to sell their commodities so hard. They don't have to.

Prices Up, Seats Filled

There's no dodging it. There's been a postwar boom in spectator interest that's been translated into cash on the line at stiffly raised prices. The reasons are many and varied. Undoubtedly some of it comes from the desire for a change of pace after the grimness of the war years. Returned veterans with sports appetites whetted by the enchantment of distance have swelled the box office takes. If you know your typical overseas veteran you know he has an early what-the-hell tendency to regard money as so much green paper and is quite willing to indulge himself in some good entertainment whether a good seat costs the bygone \$1.10 or the current \$3.65. Until the business of living at current prices starts cutting hard into the little nest egg. That's when he begins to weigh the extra two and a half against some socks and shirts.

Whatever it is, it's been enough to keep the turnstiles humming merrily for a year. And it seems to have given the sports moguls, who are minor league big business men, the erroneous idea that a second Golden Era decade has started. They're breaking ground for another and bigger Madison Square Garden and are talking blithely of a 1948 when both places will be packed and humming at these telephone number prices.

Either they don't know what to every kid in high school is common, casual knowledge—that there's a bust coming—and not in 10 years either—or they think the world of sports is set apart magically and glamorously from everything that happens in the country.

New Garden Was Hailed

Now I'm not losing sleep over the spectre of poor Mike Jacobs, Ned Irish, John Kilpatrick and Co., crying into each other's profit and loss statements in a gilt and chrome office in a dark Madison Square Garden the Second some Tuesday night in 1948. I got my own troubles, as they say. Nor is the idea of another sports arena per se a bad one. It's just that in view of all the glowing things written and predicted about the new Garden, and the chatter of another Golden Era decade in sports, a word or two connecting the picture with the facts of capitalist life seems in order.

There's just one more angle on the new Garden that has been carefully, if uncomfortably, overlooked. There are a few of the boys—a hundred thousand or so in New York City, I believe—who have doffed the uniform and have no place of their own to live. They're very likely to wonder, in an unfriendly way, how come blueprints for the world's largest indoor sports arena can be translated right into reality while blueprints for veterans homes remain blueprints.

Would any of the new "Golden Era" boosters care to answer that one?

NAT SAYS LOOK OUT!

Must be a sad season ahead for the out-of-town invaders. Our local coaches are high on their boys. Now comes Nat Holman of CCNY with "This is the greatest collection of talent and experience I've ever had." The old Celtic also goes on to sing about his boys' ruggedness and competitive spirit.

The 20-game schedule opens Saturday night in the City Gym against Upsala. While the fight for starting spots is not over, Holman favors a line-up including co-captains and ex-All-Met aces Sid Trubowitz and Paul Schmones,

center Phil Farberman and Hilly Shapiro and Lionel Malamed, late season sensations.

Farberman is the biggest of this 5-10 average quintet. The ex-Brooklyn Collegian runs 6-2, but there is lots of height right behind the starters. Irwin Dambrot, six foot four freshman prospect, will see steady action. Sonny Jameson and Ev Finestone, both six-footers, will also have plenty to do. Reserves of a high caliber will be ample this year. There are even a couple of boys named Galiber and Benson who are 6-4 and 6-5 and improving. Shades of LIU!

ALONG FISTIC ROW

MARCEL CERDAN, the French middleweight champ, arrives on the Ile De France today. Cerdan's here for his December scrap with tough and clever Georgie Abrams at the Garden.

BEE BEE WASHINGTON, Negro welter from Washington, D. C., scored quite a hit with the St. Nick fans Monday night, when he drew with rugged Joe Curcio. Bee Bee would've won in his local debut but

for Curcio's confusing southpaw style and last-round rally.

BEAU JACK resumes training next month after a successful operation on his injured knee. The Beau hurt himself last week while training for Willie Joyce.

PRIMO CARNERA expects to clean up \$50,000 on his wrestling tour before his visa expires in March and he returns home to Sequels, Italy. "Wrestling is fun," says the former heavyweight.

A QUERY TO AAU

Three proposals dealing with denial of membership "to any or all subversive groups or clubs whose objective is the overthrowing and undermining of the American system of government" will be presented by the AAU's Legislation Committee at its annual convention in San Antonio Dec. 6-8.

We would like to ask the AAU: By "subversive groups or clubs" does it mean any athletic body that bars membership to Negro and Jewish Americans, as does the New York Athletic Club? If so, we're all for it. Or is the AAU yielding to the red-herring hysteria directed at the trade union movement, and is the AAU planning to deny membership affiliation to progressive athletic organizations with trade union support?

The AAU should make itself clear.

The 'Daily' Roundup

Davis vs. Ex-Stars; Branch Sore at Leo

GLENN DAVIS is now getting that old "is-he-better-than" treatment. You know how it goes. Does Davis compare to Red Grange... could he carry Chris Cagle's shoes?

etc. While such conjecture is flattering to the man involved and indicates the esteem his talents have gained for him, it's still so much futile talk. Davis is Davis, the best halfback in the college game today, and "Junior" is probably content to let it go at that.

BRANCH RICKEY is peeved at Leo Durocher, it seems. The Dodger prexy wants Leo to sign up and stop the gabbing. "I'm getting fed up," the Mahatma said yesterday. "Somebody's going to be named manager of the Dodgers Monday. It may be Durocher and it might be somebody else." Leo has been angling for a five-year contract with Rickey, rather than his usual year-to-year agreement.

Simon Pure Looks at Pros

(Personal impressions by our staff member who used to play a bit of college basketball at St. John's.)

By Michael Singer

The New York Knickerbockers beat the Detroit Falcons, 61-57 at a pro league contest at Madison Square Garden Monday night but there were any number among the 10,136 fans who felt they'd been hacked and clipped. Not that the game was any rougher than the usual pro contest; it was just a poor game.

The Knicks, with Hertzberg, Kaplowitz, Gottlieb and Schechtman

It's Climax Week On College Grids

By Bill Mardo

Comes the Climax Week for most college grid teams. That's what this Saturday represents. And the Rose Bowl entries will probably be settled by dusk that night unless

idle Army, which doesn't conclude until next week against Navy, gets a Bowl bid. But the three top games of the afternoon are: Illinois-Northwestern, Michigan-Ohio State, and UCLA-USC.

Another biggie is the Yale-Harvard clash for the mythical Ivy League title. Once-beaten Harvard is going up against the similarly once-stopped Eli eleven (and once tied) in what should be a bruising battle.

But back to the Bowl question: If Illinois tops Northwestern than it doesn't matter what Michigan does with rugged Ohio State. But

should the Illini be upset, then Michigan could grab the Conference crown and a Bowl invitation by taking Northwestern into camp.

Out on the Coast, of course, excitement is at fever pitch for the UCLA clash against a rapidly improving Trojan team. But the UCLAns, with eight straight wins in their fold, are strong favorites to cop No. 9, the Western Conference championship, and the Rose Bowl entry.

Here in New York, Gotham fans are interested in the NYU-Georgetown shindig at Yankee Stadium, especially since the Violet last-second win over Fordham has made everyone NYU-conscious. Lou Little's Lions wind up a game but uneventful season against Syracuse. Other Eastern finales pit Princeton against Dartmouth, Lafayette and Lehigh, Penn State vs. Pitt, Boston College-Alabama, Holy Cross-Temple, and the surprisingly strong Rutgers crew finishes with Bucknell. Two lesser unbeaten, Delaware and Lehigh settle things at Wilmington.

Giles Cincy Prexy

WARREN C. GILES is new president of the Cincinnati Reds, taking over for Powel Crosley. Giles was vice-president and general manager of the Cincy club for the past ten years.

made the heavy, slow-footed but muscular cagers from UAW-town look bad. But then how come nine ties during the game and only a four-point difference? And how come the Knicks had to play like mad to move ahead three minutes before the final buzzer?

The answer is in the now-we're-good now-we're-not style of ball the locals played. They heaved from all directions, from all distances. They passed the Falcons dizzy and had two men weaving in and out under the hoop doing ballet steps while the set shot artists leisurely struck poses from near midcourt.

The Falcons had a dangerous man in Miaske who popped 14 points in from the pivot. While the big center was in his wrist flips off the shoulder were a constant threat. But when he left on personals the invaders fell apart.

Cohalan's boys play basketball in the local tradition. They pass from close in, use the give-and-go consistently, send two men in on the pivot and switch on defense skillfully and effortlessly.

Tonight the Knickerbockers will be on display at the 69th Regiment Armory, 25th St. and Lexington Ave., where they play the Chicago Stags who have beaten them twice.

RADIO

9:00-WNBC-Duffy's Tavern, With Ed Gardner
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WJZ-The Affairs of Ann Scotland
Sketch-Arlene Francis
WCBS-Frank Sinatra, Songs
WMCA-News; Music
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9:15-WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WNBC-Mr. District Attorney-Play
WJZ-Pot o' Gold
WCBS-Dinah Shore Show
WMCA-Where Do We Go From Here?-Play
WQXR-Designs in Harmony

9:45-WQXR-W. Averell Harriman, at American Aid to France Dinner
10:00-WNBC-Frank Morgan Show
WOR-Concert Hour
WJZ-Big Crosby Show
WCBS-Academy Award-Play
WMCA-News; Footlight Revue
WQXR-News; Opera Preview
10:30-WNBC-Ray Kysar Show
WOR-The Symphonette
WJZ-Henry Morgan Show
WCBS-Information Please
WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-Just Music
11:00-WNBC-WOR-News; Music
WMCA-Harlem Amateur
WQXR-News; Symphonic Hour
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D. of J. Fails to Register Franco Spies

By Art Shields

The Department of Justice is showing a strange tolerance towards the ring of Franco spies and Spanish fascist propagandists, now operating in New York, whom the Daily Worker exposed yesterday. Some of the members of the ring have been involved in plots against American ships during the war.

The Conde (Count) de Ruisenada, for instance, heads the Franco ship line, the Compania Transatlantica Espanola, which called Hitler's "bridge of spies" to

the Americas after it brought hundreds of Gestapo agents to the western hemisphere during the war. All are making open propaganda for the hated ally of Hitler and Mussolini.

Yet neither the aristocratic Count nor any of his fellow Spanish plotters—all aliens—have been compelled to register as foreign agents in Washington under the foreign agents' registration act.

So the Department's foreign agents' files revealed yesterday.

GETS TOUGH

In contrast, Attorney General Tom Clark gets tough with Soviet slingers. Both Zoya Haidal, the famous Ukrainian soprano, and the equally celebrated basso artist Ivan Patorzinsky were compelled to leave this country last month when they refused to register as "foreign agents."

The Conde de Ruisenada and the 18 other fascists, who hailed Franco

as their "leader" and defended his collaboration with Hitler in the New York Times advertisement last Saturday, did not come here to sing, however.

Nor are their fascist activities confined to speaking and writing.

A visit to the office of two of the signers to the Times' fascist ad yesterday disclosed their links to the spies who were operating against American shipping.

WASN'T IN

F. Recasens, who signed his name as an "oil executive" of 1 Cedar St., was not in when I visited his company, the Spanamoll Trading Corp. at that address yesterday morning. "He's gone back to Spain. Yes, he's a director of this company, but he lives in Spain," I was told by one of his associates, a Mr. Canelas.

As I looked out of the 24th story window at the shipping in the East River below, his associates told me

more about his ties with two notorious Franco spies, who were deeply involved in the plot against American shipping.

The two spies were Manuel Diaz and Marcelino Garcia, agents of the Count's firm, the Compania Transatlantica Espanola, whom the Daily Worker first exposed in a documented series of articles by Harry Raymond in May, 1937.

"Yes, Mr. Recasens is a friend, a good friend of Diaz and Garcia. He sees them," I was told at the Span-

amoll offices yesterday.

J. M. Ribas, another executive of the firm, who also signed the Times ad, is a friend of Diaz and Garcia too, I was informed.

Spanamoll, incidentally, is one of Franco's inlets for the American oil, which, it has been learned, helped to fuel Hitler's Normandy tanks as well as his planes and submarines.

Several spy letters by Diaz and Garcia, informing the Franco government of the movement of ships bound for Republican Spain were reproduced in Raymond's series.

Diaz emphasized in his correspondence that he expected the

Franco forces to take action against the ships named.

In another letter, dated March 5, 1937, he asked the Conde de Ruisenada to have a warship sent to the Straits of Yucatan to stop Spanish-bound ships.

The activities of the "bridge of spies" company were enormously increased during World War II. Many American ships were sunk as a result of the information radioed to Nazi submarine commanders by Gestapo agents brought to the Caribbean by the Compania Transatlantica Espanola, reports Allen Chase in his book, The Falang.

(g) The help from Hitler and Mussolini was accepted only in defense of the Spanish nation, and NOT because of ideological affinities. The fact that the United States and England lined up with Russia does not mean that they accept the implications of the world communism.

Franco's agents defended Franco's ties with Hitler in New York Times advertisement last Saturday.

Lynch Try Fails on 'Daily' Man, Lawyers

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thanked my newspaper friends for the offer of transportation to Nashville. I told them I would go to Nashville in the automobile owned by Z. Alexander Looby, Nashville Negro attorney and chief defense counsel. Dr. Looby had invited me to ride in the car with him.

We took off from Columbia's "Mink Slide," Negro business district, shortly before eight o'clock in the evening. Thurgood Marshall, brilliant general counsel for the NAACP, was driving the car. I sat next to him in the front seat.

Sitting in the back, amid stacks of law books and typewritten records of the case, sat Looby, owner of the car, and Maurice Weaver of Chattanooga, lone white attorney for the defense. I had warned Weaver I had reason to believe a lynch mob was on the prowl—some of the same gang that tried to hang Stephenson.

We did not have long to wait. Three-quarters of a mile north of the Duck River, on the Nashville Highway, we were halted to a stop by eight men in three cars. One car, operated by two highway patrolmen, tore past us with siren screaming. It parked in front of us. We were at once pounced upon by the highway patrolmen, several men in civilian clothes and two Columbia policemen.

They approached us with right hands on their pistols and blinding us with flashlights carried in their left hands.

The three lawyers and myself were unarmed. It looked like a lynching. We knew officers of the law had directed and participated in two earlier Maury County lynchings; that they killed two Negroes in the County Jail during the February "trouble." And we had evidence that they were the ones that marked the huge KKK on a casket in a Negro undertaking parlor during the February raid.

Facing guns and glaring flashlights, we piled out of the car, Weaver acting as spokesman and protesting vigorously against the violation of our civil rights. It was an uneven affair. We had nothing but our bare fists. The thugs, who identified themselves as constables, deputy sheriffs,

city policemen and highway patrolmen, were heavily armed.

They told us they had a warrant to search the car. We demanded they produce the warrant. They did. And we read it under the flashlights. It was a John Doe warrant, signed by Sam Butts, Columbia deputy sheriff, charging we were transporting liquor in violation of the county local option law. But a search of the car revealed no liquor.

The three lawyers and I returned to the car and Looby took Marshall's place at the wheel. We drove off a short distance, only to be surrounded again by the armed men. This time they charged Marshall had been driving without a license. Marshall produced his license and the gunmen reluctantly told us we could proceed.

We started the car, Looby driving, and were surrounded and halted again. They told me I had been driving the car. I told them they were talking foolishly. There was a short conference. The thugs returned and declared Marshall under arrest for driving while "under the influence of liquor."

The gunmen hustled Marshall into a car, told the rest of us we were free to go. But we feared Marshall was being carried off to be picked up by a lynch mob as had happened in earlier cases. We were more certain of this when the car bearing Marshall turned off the highway and speeded up a back country dirt road.

With our front bumper almost touching the rear of the raiders' car, we trailed them. Looby was at the wheel. The thugs turned back into Columbia. Marshall was taken out of the car and marched into the office of Magistrate J. J. Pogue.

Weaver and I leaped from our car and followed Thurgood and the officers into the building. Looby, driving at top speed, dashed to the Negro district to spread the alarm and secure money and bonds, which we thought would be necessary to get Marshall out of the clutches of the county officers.

Highway patrolmen and city policemen did not enter the Magistrate's office. They circled the area.

Weaver and I immediately confronted the Magistrate. He admit-

ted he had issued the frame-up warrant to search the car. The armed county officers surrounded us. Weaver angrily denounced the county officers as a bunch of "frame-up" artists. He demanded Magistrate Pogue at once examine Marshall, smell his breath and decide whether the Negro lawyer had been drinking. Pogue ordered Marshall to breathe long breaths in his direction.

Pogue turned to the county officers and declared: "This man has not been drinking. I will not sign a warrant for his arrest."

The elderly Magistrate then proceeded to denounce the frame-up. He shook hands with the Negro lawyer, with Weaver and with me. One by one the county officers, their hands on their pistol butts, left the room.

Magistrate Pogue then told us the county officers had come to the wrong man if they wanted to frame-up one of the Negro lawyers. He said he was the one Magistrate in Columbia who refused to sign warrants for the arrest of Negroes during the February raids. "They didn't come to me," Pogue declared. "You can look at my books and there's not a record there of any arrests ordered by me during the February trouble."

But they did come to Magistrate C. Hayes Denton, old-time Maury County lynch mob leader. There might have been another lynching last night if Denton could have been found. That's what we feared. For it has been Denton's tactic to remand the person marked for lynching to jail.

Then a few telephone calls bring the boys out with the rope to storm the jail and to do the job. That has been the pattern of all recent Maury County lynchings.

I am certain such a lynching was planned last night. Thurgood Marshall was the intended victim. But the lynchers failed to carry out their plan because they are cowardly men and they knew we had the entire Columbia Negro community mobilized behind us.

I have not mentioned in this dispatch the names of any of the officers who held us captive on the Nashville highway. But if they think they are unknown, they are badly mistaken.

I have all their names written carefully in my notebook. Marshall, Looby, Weaver and myself demand that each of them be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for their shocking illegal gestapo-like conduct.

Attorney Demands Clark Prosecute Tenn. Thugs

Special to the Daily Worker

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 19.—The following telegram was sent today to U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark by Thurgood Marshall, general counsel for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People:

"Last night after leaving Columbia, Tenn., where we secured acquittal of one of two Negroes charged with crimes growing out of February disturbances there, lawyers, including myself, were stopped outside Columbia in the night by three carloads of officers, including deputy sheriffs, city policemen, constables and highway patrolmen.

"The alleged purpose was to search the car for whiskey. When no whiskey was found we were stopped by the same officials two more times and on the last occasion I was placed under arrest for driving while drunk and returned to Columbia.

"The magistrate refused to place me in jail after examining me and finding I was completely sober. This type of intimidation of defense lawyers charged with the duty of defending persons charged with crime cannot go unnoticed. Therefore, I demand immediate investigation and criminal charges against the officers participating in last night's outrage. The three lawyers were Z. Alexander Looby, Maurice Wea-

ver and myself."

Maurice Weaver, lone white defense attorney in the Columbia cases, announced he would also demand action against the raiding officers for attempts to illegally intimidate Harry Raymond, Daily Worker correspondent, who was riding in the car with the lawyers bound for Nashville. Weaver charged Raymond, newspaperman assigned to cover the Columbia trial, was held captive by officers on the dark highway along with the lawyers in violation of constitutional rights of freedom of the press.

Commenting on the incident, Weaver declared:

"Mr. Raymond was with us when we were stopped and also went with me when I appeared before Magistrate J. J. Pogue to demand the immediate release of Mr. Marshall. He knows the whole story of the outrageous, un-democratic and tyrannical procedure. Mr. Raymond stood alone by my side, surrounded by armed thugs, in the Magistrate's office outrageously demanding the release of Mr. Marshall."

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Jews, and "that our government take every possible action to bring pressure upon Great Britain to secure the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine." The resolution further calls for the "establishment in Palestine of an independent commonwealth as a Jewish national home with full guarantees of the legitimate interests of other national groups."

The resolution expressing opposition to peacetime military conscription and urging "full cooperation and understanding among all nations, particularly among the Big Three" was passed with only a few negative votes. The opposition was voiced by Jack Altman of the retail

and wholesale union who heads an anti-Communist "committee of 34." He said he opposed "unilateral" action on the issue, and wanted it acted upon as part of the foreign policy resolution still to come before the convention.

After a speech by Murray opposing Altman, the vote was taken. Among the resolutions passed was one outlining a comprehensive housing program and one on veteran problems. The latter lists 10 major objectives. Resolutions also expressed full confidence in the leadership of Philip Murray, commemorated Franklin D. Roosevelt, called for a people's tax program and demanded repeal of poll-taxes and other voting restrictions.